Review of steel projects

3007. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, so far, made any review about the functioning of the steel projects;

(b) to what extent the current production of steel is sufficient to meet the domestic demand;

(c) whether the facilities being extended to these plants are not being utilised properly; and

(d) if so, whether any review has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Government have constituted a Project Coordination Group under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Steel to address the problems of on going steel projects as well as the problems being faced by iron & steel industry. Three meetings of the Project Coordination Group have been conducted so far.

(b) The Indian Iron & Steel Industry is fully capable of meeting almost all the requirements of steel in the country barrings a few sizes and grades.

(c) and (d) Government periodically review the utilization of facilities extended to steel plants in the public sector as part of the review of the overall performance of these steel plants. No such reviews are conducted by the Government in respect of steel plants in the private sector.

Cut in steel production

3008. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steel companies across the country propose to cut production to counter depressed market conditions and improve their quality; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?